

2004 Warrant

Town of Sanbornton, New Hampshire

The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Sanbornton in the County of Belknap in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Sanbornton on Tuesday, the Ninth day of March, in the year Two Thousand Four, to act on the following subjects:

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

To choose all necessary District Officers for the Winnisquam Regional School District.

To vote on the following Questions:

Question #1

“Shall we adopt the provisions of R.S.A. 40:13 (known as SB2) to allow official ballot voting to all issues before the Town of Sanbornton.” Presented by Petition.

Question #2

”Do you favor adoption of the town manager plan as provided in chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes Annotated?” Presented by Petition.

Question #3

“Are you in favor of increasing the board of selectmen to 5 members?” Presented by Petition.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Sanbornton Central School in said Sanbornton on Wednesday, the Tenth day of March next at seven of the clock in the evening (7:00 p.m.) to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1.

Submitted by Petition – Change in Elderly Exemptions from Property Tax

To see if the Town shall modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Sanbornton, based on the assessed value for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows:

For a person 65 years of age and up to 75 years of age: \$20,000;

For a person 75 years of age up to 80 years: \$25,000

For a person 80 years of age or older: \$35,000

To qualify the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$20,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$30,000, and own assets not in excess of \$50,000, excluding the value of the person's residence.

The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this change.

Article 2.

Submitted by Petition – Change in Optional Veterans' Tax Credit

To see if the Town will vote to increase the optional veterans' tax credit pursuant to R.S.A. 72:27-a, to \$500. The current credit is \$100. This tax credit shall replace the current veterans' tax credit in its entirety and shall not be in addition thereto.

The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this change.

Article 3.

Submitted by Petition – Participation in Lakes Region Public Access TV

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 to fund the Town's participation in the Lakes Region Public Access TV programming. Said funds are to be used for the purchase of video recording equipment and for other costs associated with televising all meetings of the Board of Selectmen on the public access television channel.

The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 4.

Submitted by Petition – Community Spring Clean Up Day

To see if the Town will vote to designate the third Saturday of April each year as Community Spring Clean Up Day, permitting Sanbornton property owners to dispose of collected trash and debris at the Transfer Station without customary charges, and further, to appropriate the sum of \$500 for the purpose of promotion of said clean up in 2004.

The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this appropriation. The Budget Committee does not recommend this appropriation.

Article 5.

Lease/Purchase of New Ambulance

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a ten year lease/purchase agreement for one hundred ninety-two thousand one hundred dollars (\$192,100) for the purpose of leasing a new ambulance, and to raise and appropriate the sum of nineteen thousand two hundred ten dollars (\$19,210) for the first year payment. This lease/purchase agreement contains an escape clause. Said funds are to be withdrawn from the “Ambulance and Ambulance Equipment” Special Revenue Fund. [Majority vote required]

The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 6.

New Highway Garage Building

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of R.S.A. 35:1 for the purpose of planning and constructing a new highway garage building, to raise and appropriate ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000) to be placed into this fund and to designate the Selectmen as the agents to expend funds.

The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 7.

Road Agent

To see if the Town will vote to make the office of Road Agent an appointed employee rather than an elected position. Such appointment would take effect in March 2005 at the expiration of the current elected term.

The Board of Selectmen, the Town Government Study Committee and the Budget Committee recommend this change.

Article 8.**Self Contained Breathing Apparatus**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred fifty thousand (\$150,000) for the replacement and update of the Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), breathing air compressor and equipment and the replacement of all of the Fire Department's SCBAs, thus bringing the Town of Sanbornton into compliance with OSHA, NIOSH, NFPA and ANSI regulations regarding Personnel Protection Equipment. These improvements also make the Town compatible with the other fire departments of the Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid Association. This expenditure is contingent upon receiving the "Assistance to Firefighters" grant. This grant is a three (3) percent matching grant. One hundred forty-five thousand five hundred dollars (\$145,500) would come from the grant and four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500), the Town's portion, would come from taxes.

The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation. The Budget Committee does not recommend this appropriation.

Article 9.**Community Septic & Well System**

To see if the Town will vote to raise appropriate ninety-five thousand dollars (\$95,000) for the purpose of planning and constructing a Community Septic & Well System serving the Library, the United Congregational Church and the Town Hall.

The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation. The Budget Committee does not recommend this appropriation.

Article 10.**Highway Plow Truck and Equipment**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred ten thousand dollars (\$110,000) for the purchase of a new Highway plow truck and associated equipment. Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) is to come from the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) is to come from taxes.

The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 11.**Improvements to Town Office Buildings**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty-four thousand dollars (\$54,000) for the purposes of the following improvements to Town buildings:

New Roof for the Life Safety Building (\$25,000)

New Doors(3), Carpeting and Tile for the Town Offices (\$15,000)

Library Roof and Furnace (\$7,000)

Generator Installation for Life Safety and Town Office complex (\$7,000)

The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 12.

Equipment Capital Outlay

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty-nine thousand nine hundred one dollars (\$69,901) for the purchase or lease payment concerning the following equipment:

Police Cruiser (\$26,000)

Highway Department Mower (\$18,500)

Highway Department Loader 2004 Lease Payment (\$20,401)

Emergency Management Services Radio Equipment (\$5,000)

The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 13.

Payments to Capital Reserve Accounts

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ninety-five dollars (\$95,000) for payments to the following Capital Reserve Accounts:

Town Building Improvements (45,000)

Fire Truck (\$15,000)

Fire Truck Repair and Refurbish (\$5,000)

Rescue Vehicle (\$5,000)

Roads & Bridges (25,000)

The Board of Selectmen recommend. The Budget Committee does not recommend this appropriation.

Article 14.

Tax Billing

To see if the Town will vote to institute twice-a-year billing of taxes, pursuant to R.S.A. 76:15-a, effective 2005.

The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this change.

Article 15.

Operating Budget

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the 2004 Operating Budget for the Town of Sanbornton. Said sum does not include special or individual Articles previously addressed.

Budget Committee recommendation:	\$2,388,102
Board of Selectmen recommendation:	\$2,450,856

Article 16.

Other Business

To transact such other business that may legally come before the Town Meeting.

Given under our hand and seal this 23rd day of February, Two Thousand and Four.

Peter Dascoulias, Chairman

Ralph Carter

Guy Giunta

Selectmen of Sanbornton

A true copy of Warrant - Attest:

Peter Dascoulias, Chairman

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Selectmen of Sanbornton

We hereby certify that we gave notice to the inhabitants within named, to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned, by posting up an attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting within named, and a like attested copy at the Town offices, being a public place in said Town on the Twenty Third day of February, Two Thousand Four.

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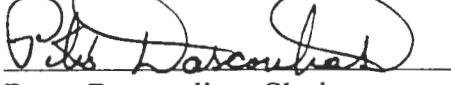
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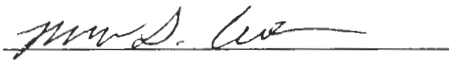
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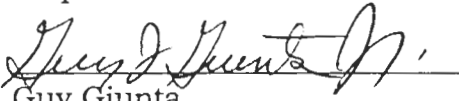
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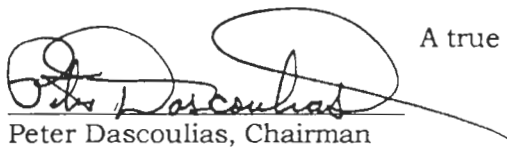

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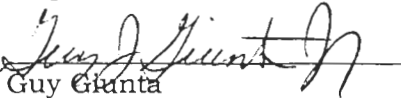

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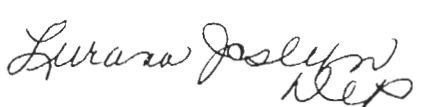
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